

8-channel bridge measurement amplifier for multi-channel, dynamic strain gauge applications

The **DCB(C)2-8** is a DC bridge amplifier. With 8 differential analog inputs, it allows the measurement of:

- Voltage and current (20 mA)
- Stain gauges, bridge sensors
- IEPE/ICP sensors (with optional DSUB terminal connector)

For powering external sensors or bridge measurements, a software selectable sensor supply is integrated

Highlights

- Medium signal bandwidth of up to 5 kHz
- Sensor supply with adjustable voltage supply
- • Software selectable quarter-bridge completion between 120 and 350 $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$
- Graphical configuration wizard to set strain gauge bridges
- Supports imc Plug & Measure (Transducer Electronic Data Sheets (IEEE 1451))
- Also available with compact, high-density DSUB terminal connections (variant "C")

Typical applications: strain gauge measurements, load cells, pressure sensors, universal voltage measurements with higher bandwidths



imc CRONOScompact is a modular and reconfigurable hardware a "rack"-based series of devices available in a variety of housing sizes and device frames. imc CRONOScompact (CRC) plug-in-modules can be inserted into the system (CRC-400GP).

Once the modules are plugged into a portable or rack-based housing, they are electrically connected to the CRC-system and are supplied by the system with power. The data storage will be managed by the CRC-system.

Rack-based modules ("-R") differ from the standard modules only in terms of the front panel's attachment mechanism.



CRC/DCB2-8



imc CRONOScompact plug-in-modules



imc CRONOScompact portable housing

Overview of the available variants

Standard version		ET Version *	
Order Code:	article no.	article no.	Remarks
CRC/DCB2-8	11700018	11710017	for imc CRONOScompact
CRC/DCB2-8-R	11700108	11710067	for imc CRONOScompact RACK
CRC/DCBC2-8	11700076		variant with DSUB-26 sockets
CRC/DCBC2-8-R	11700144		for imc CRONOScompact RACK

^{*} ET: Version in extended temperature range

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Included accessories

DSUB-15 plug for the module variant with DSUB-15 input connectors					
4x ACC/DSUBM-B2	DSUB-15 plug with screw terminals for 2-channel measurement of strain gauges, bridges and voltage 13500170				
DSUB-26-HD plug for th	DSUB-26-HD plug for the module variant with DSUB-15 input connectors				
2x ACC/DSUBM-HD-B4	DSUB-26 plug with screw terminals for 4-channel measurement of strain gauges, bridges and voltage 13500197				
Documents					
Getting started with imc CRONOScompact (one copy per delivery / system)					
Device certificate					

Optional accessories

DSUB-15 plugs

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ACC/DSUBM-TEDS-B2	version with TEDS support, according to IEEE 1451 for use with imc Plug & Measure	13500191
• ACC/DSUBM-I2	DSUB-15 plug with screw terminals for 2-channel current measurement of up to 50 mA (50 Ω shunt, scaling factor: 0.02A/V)	13500180
ACC/DSUBM-TEDS-I2	version with TEDS support, according to IEEE 1451 for use with imc Plug & Measure	13500193
ACC/DSUBM-ICP2I-BNC-S	DSUB-15 plug for 2 IEPE/ICP sensors, BNC connection, isolated, slow	13500293
ACC/DSUBM-ICP2I-BNC-F	DSUB-15 plug for 2 IEPE/ICP sensors, BNC connection, isolated, fast	13500294
LEMO plug		
• ACC/TH-LEM-150	LEMO.1B plug for thermocouple measurement with built-in cold-junction compensation (CJC) via PT100	13500086
High-Density (HD) plug		
• ACC/DSUBM-HD-I4	DSUB-26 plug with screw terminals for 4-channel current measurement of up to 50 mA (50 Ω shunt, scaling factor: 0.02 A/V)	13500195
• ACC/DSUBM-HD-B4	DSUB-26 plug with screw terminals for 4-channel bridge measurement	13500197
Mounting brackets for fixed insta	allations of imc CRONOS <i>compact</i> devices (CRC)	
CRC/BRACKET-CON	mounting bracket 90°	11700153
• CRC/BRACKET-90	mounting bracket for DIN-Rail	11700152
CRC/BRACKET-BACK	mounting bracket for DIN-Rail	11700154



Technical Specs - CRC/DCB(C)2-8

Channels, measurement modes, terminal connection				
Parameter	Value	Remarks		
Inputs	8			
Measurement modes	voltage measurement			
DSUB-15	current measurement	shunt-plug ACC/DSUBM-I2(-IP65) or single end (internal shunt)		
	bridge sensor			
	strain gauges	full, half, quarter bridge		
	current-fed sensors (IEPE/ICP)	with DSUB-15 extension plug: e.g. ACC/DSUBM-ICP2I-BNC-S/-F, isolated		
Measurement modes	voltage measurement			
DSUB-26-HD	current measurement	ACC/DSUBM-HD-I4 shunt-plug or Single-ended (internal shunt)		
	bridge sensor			
	strain gauges	full, half, quarter bridge		
Measurement modes LEMO	voltage measurement bridge sensor			
	strain gauges	full, half, quarter bridge		
	current measurement	Single-ended (internal shunt)		
Terminal connection				
DSUB-15	4x DSUB-15	2 channels per plug		
DSUB-26-HD	2x DSUB-26-HD	4 channels per plug		
LEMO	8x LEMO.1B.307	1 channel per plug		

Sampling rate, Bandwidth, Filter, TEDS				
Parameter	Value	Remarks		
Sampling rate	≤100 kHz	per channel		
Bandwidth	0 Hz to 5 kHz	-3 dB		
Filter (digital)				
cut-off frequency characteristic order	1 Hz to 2 kHz	Butterworth, Bessel (digital) low pass or high pass filter 8th order band pass, LP 4th and HP 4th order Anti-aliasing filter: Cauer 8.order with f _{cutoff} = 0.4 f _s		
Resolution	16 Bit	internal processing 24 Bit		
TEDS only with DSUB-15	conforming IEEE 1451.4 Class II MMI	esp. with ACC/DSUBM-TEDS-xx (DS2433) not supported: DS2431 (typ. IEPE/ICP sensor)		

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General			
Parameter	Value typ.	min. / max.	Remarks
Overvoltage protection		±40 V	permanent
Input coupling		DC	
Input configuration	differential		
Input impedance	20 MΩ ±1%		
Auxiliary supply			only with DSUB-15 variant for IEPE/ICP expansion plug
voltage available current internal resistance	+5 V 0.26 A 1.0 Ω	±5% 0.2 A <1.2 Ω	independent of integrated sensor supply, short-circuit protected power per DSUB-plug

Voltage measurement				
Parameter	Value typ.	min. / max.	Remarks	
Input range	±10 V, ±5 V, ±2.5	5 V, ±1 V ±5 mV		
Gain error	0.02%	0.05%	of the measured value, at 25°C	
Gain drift	(10 ppm/K)·∆T _a	(30 ppm/K)·ΔT _a	$\Delta T_a = T_a - 25^{\circ}C $; with $T_a = $ ambient temperature	
Offset error	0.02%	≤0.05% ≤0.06% ≤0.15%	of the input range at 25°C range >±50 mV range ≤±50 mV range ≤±10 mV	
Offset drift	(±0.7 μV/K)· Δ T _a (±0.1 μV/K)· Δ T _a	(±6 μV/K)·ΔΤ _a (±1.1 μV/K)·ΔΤ _a	range $\pm 10 \text{ V}$ to $\pm 0.25 \text{ V}$ range $\leq \pm 0.1 \text{ V}$ $\Delta T_a = T_a - 25^{\circ}\text{C} $; with $T_a = \text{ambient temperature}$	
Nonlinearity	10 ppm	50 ppm		
CMRR (common mode rejection ratio)	110 dB 138 dB	>90 dB >132 dB	DC and f≤60 Hz range ±10 V to ±50 mV range ±25 mV to ±5 mV	
Noise (RTI)	0.6 μV _{RMS} 0.14 μV _{RMS}	1.0 μV _{RMS} 0.26 μV _{RMS}	bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 1 kHz bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz	

Current measurement with shunt plug					
Parameter	Value typ.	min. / max	Remarks		
Input range	±50 mA, ±20 mA, ±10 mA, ±5 mA, ±2 mA, ±1 mA				
Shunt impedance	50	Ω	external plug ACC/DSUBM-I2		
Over load protection		±60 mA	permanent		
Input configuration	differential				
Gain error	0.02%	0.06% 0.1%	of reading, at 25°C plus error of 50 Ω shunt		
Gain drift	(15 ppm/K)·ΔT _a	(55 ppm/K)·∆T _a	$\Delta T_a = T_a - 25^{\circ}C $; with $T_a =$ ambient temperature		
Offset error	0.02%	0.05%	of range, at 25°C		
Noise (current)	0.6 nA _{RMS} 0.15 nA _{RMS}	10 nA _{RMS} 0.25 nA _{RMS}	bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 1 kHz bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz		

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Current measurement with internal shunt				
Parameter	Value typ.	min. / max	Remarks	
Input range	±50 mA, ±20 mA, ±10 mA, ±5 mA, ±2 mA, ±1 mA			
Shunt impedance	12	0 Ω	internal	
Over load protection	±60 mA		permanent	
Input configuration	Single-ended		internal current backflow to -VB	
Gain error	0.02%	0.06%	of reading, at 25°C	
Gain drift	(15 ppm/K)·ΔT _a	(55 ppm/K)·∆T _a	$\Delta T_a = T_a - 25^{\circ}C $; with $T_a =$ ambient temperature	
Offset error	0.02%	0.05%	of range, at 25°C	
Noise (current)	0.6 nA _{RMS} 0.15 nA _{RMS}	10 nA _{RMS} 0.25 nA _{RMS}	bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 1 kHz bandwidth 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz	

Bridge measurement				
Parameter	Value typ.	min. / max.	Remarks	
Mode	D	C		
Measurement modes	full-, half-, q	uarter bridge	bridge supply ≤5 V with quarter bridge	
Input ranges	1	/, ±500 mV/V, ±100 mV/V		
bridge supply: 10 V	±0.	5 mV/V		
bridge supply: 5 V	±1	. mV/V		
bridge supply: 2.5 V	±2	mV/V	(as an option)	
bridge supply: 1 V	±5	mV/V	(as an option)	
Bridge excitation voltage	10 V 5 V	±0.5% ±0.5%	The actual value will be dynamically captured and compensated for in bridge mode.	
(as an option)	(2.5 V and 1 V)			
Min. bridge impedance	120 Ω, 10 mH full bridge 60 Ω, 10 mH half bridge			
Max. bridge impedance	5 kΩ			
Internal quarter bridge completion	120 Ω, 350 Ω		internal, switchable per software	
Input impedance	20 ΜΩ	±1%	differential, full bridge	
Gain error	0.02%	0.05%	of reading	
Offset error	0.01%	0.02%	of input range after automatic bridge balancing	
automatic shunt calibration	0.5 mV/V	±0.2%	for 120 Ω and 350 Ω	
Cable resistance for bridges	<(5 Ω	10 V excitation 120 Ω	
(without return line)	<1	2 Ω	5 V excitation 120 Ω	

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Sensor supply				
Parameter	Value ty	Value typ. max.		Remarks
Configuration options	5 se	5 selectable settings		The sensor supply module always has 5 selectable voltage settings.
				default selection: +5 V to +24 V
Output voltage	Voltage (+1 V) (+2.5 V) +5.0 V +10 V +12 V +15 V +24 V (±15 V)	580 m 580 m 580 m 580 m 300 m 250 m 200 m 120 m	A 0.6 W A 1.5 W A 2.9 W A 3.0 W A 3.0 W A 3.0 W A 2.9 W	set jointly for all eight channels upon request, also 2.5 V and 1 V settings are available, for example by replacing the +12 V or +15 V setting. An arbitrary set of 5 setting can be chosen preferred selections: +24 V, +12 V, +10 V, +5.0 V, +2.5 V +15 V, +10 V, +5.0 V, +2.5 V, +1 V upon request, special order: +15 V can be
				replaced by ±15 V. This eliminates the internal current- and quarter bridge measurement.
Isolation		non isola	ated	output to case (CHASSIS)
Short-circuit protection	unl	imited d	uration	to output voltage reference ground: "-VB"
Accuracy of output voltage	<0.25 % 0.5 % 0.9 %		0.9 %	at terminals, no load at 25 °C over entire temperature range
		1.5 %		plus with optional bipolar output voltage
Compensation of cable resistances	3-line control: SENSE line as refeed (-VB: supply ground)			calculated compensation with bridges
Max. capacitive load		>4000 μF >1000 μF >300 μF		2.5 V to 10 V 12 V, 15 V 24 V